



#5/B
8-15a
PATENT
1422-0371P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: NITTA et al.
Appl. No.: 09/254,474 Group: 1751
Filed: March 5, 1999 Examiner: Douyon, L.
For: DETERGENT PARTICLES, PROCESS FOR
PREPARING THE SAME, AND DETERGENT
COMPOSITION HAVING HIGH BULK DENSITY

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

JUL 24 2000
AUG-2 2000
RECEIVED
TC 1100 MAIL ROOM

In reply to the Office Action dated March 24, 2000, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-4 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the following claims:

5. (Once Amended) The method according to claim [3] 16 or

[4] 17, further comprising the step of adding a free-flowing aid

07/27/2000 HNDOR1 00000056 09254474

01 FC:103 72.00 OP
02 FC:115 110.00 OP